

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Headlines**

**The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration Provides Assistance to Individuals Impacted by Hurricane Katrina.** Numerous resources such as unemployment assistance, national emergency grants, and career information at One Stop centers are available for States and individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina. These resources are designated for the following states: Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Information about this assistance is accessible at the DOL National Contact Center. The Center contact number is 1-866-487-2365. For additional information on DOL's Hurricane Recovery Assistance visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/hurricane-recovery.htm>.

**Department of Labor's (DOL) Secretary Elaine Chao Announces \$12 Million In High Growth Job Training Grants to States Affected by Hurricane Katrina.** Secretary Chao issued \$12 million in grants to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas to train workers for jobs critical to the economic recovery of the Gulf region. Each state will receive funds to train workers in the following industries: construction, energy, health care, transportation and the safety-security sector. For additional information visit: <http://www.dol.eta.gov>.

**The U. S. Department of Education is Proposing Up to \$2.6 Billion in Funding for School Relief and Support for Families and Areas Affected by Hurricane Katrina.** This new proposal recognizes the unique circumstances that schools are facing due to the hurricane with schools across the country accepting displaced students. Funding assistance is being proposed to help school districts with the unexpected costs of educating these new youth during the 2005-2006 school year, and to help students in colleges and universities affected by the hurricane. For additional information visit: <http://www.hurricanehelpforschools.gov/0916.factsheet.html>.

**The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Details New Katrina Disaster Relief Programs.** HUD has announced a new program which provides up to 18 months of temporary rental housing to thousands of families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Evacuees must register through FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA. For additional information about HUD's program visit: <http://hud.gov/news/release.cfm?>

## ***Funding Opportunities***

**National Gardening Association and Home Depot Announces Youth Garden Grants.** The National Garden Association (NGA) and Home Depot Stores will award Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered, outdoor garden programs. In 2006, 150 programs will receive Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of gardening materials and supplies particular to the needs of their program and an activity package from NGA. Schools and community organizations are eligible to apply. For additional information visit: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/3988/garden>. **Deadline: November 30, 2005.**

**Striving Readers Grant.** The Striving Readers grant seeks to raise the reading achievement levels of middle and high school-aged students in Title I-eligible schools with significant numbers of students reading below grade level. The program supports new comprehensive reading initiatives or the expansion of existing initiatives that improve the quality of literacy instructional curricula. Local Education Agencies are eligible to apply. Awards range from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. For more information, contact Kathryn Doherty, U.S. Department of Education: [StrivingReaders@ed.gov](mailto:StrivingReaders@ed.gov). **Deadline: November 14, 2005.**

**Vernier announces National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Tech Awards.** The Vernier/NSTA Technology Awards promotes the innovative use of data-collection technology. These awards are used to encourage the use of a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld technology used in the science classroom. Seven awards, in the amount of \$3,000 each, will be provided to teachers of science in grades K-12 and college. Each award will consist of \$1,000 in cash for teachers, \$1,000 in Vernier products, and up to \$1,000 toward expenses to attend the 2006 NSTA National Convention. For application information visit: <http://vernier.com/grants/nsta.html>. **Deadline: October 15, 2005.**

**American Honda Foundation Makes Grants Available to Non-profit Organizations.** The American Honda Foundation will provide grants to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and other youth-focused nonprofit organizations in the fields of youth education and scientific education. Awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. For additional information visit: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>. **Deadline: November 1, 2005.**

## ***Opportunities for Youth, Young Adults, and Teachers***

**State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants.** One hundred \$1,000 grants funded by the State Farm Companies Foundation are available from Youth Service America for teachers, youth (ages 5-25), and school-based service-learning coordinators to implement service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day, April 21-23, 2006. For questions or more information, contact the Grants Department at [GoodNeighbor@ysa.org](mailto:GoodNeighbor@ysa.org). **Deadline: October 17, 2005.**

**Prudential will Award Spirit of Community Grants.** The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes middle and high school students who have demonstrated exemplary community service. Students in grades 5–12 in any state, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico and who have engaged in a volunteer activity at least 12 months prior to the date of application are eligible to apply. Award amount ranges from \$1,000 to \$5,000. To obtain an application, visit: <http://www.prudential.com/productsAndServices/0,1474,intPageID%253D1622%2526bInPrinterFriendly%253D0,00.html>. **Deadline: October 31, 2005.**

**Do Something BRICK Awards Available for Youth Leaders.** The Do Something BRICK Awards honors 9 outstanding youth leaders who are involved in activities designed to strengthen their local communities in the areas of community building, health, or the environment. Six youth "18 and under" will receive a \$5,000 higher education scholarship and a \$5,000 community grant (to be directed by the award winner to the not-for-profit organization of his or her choice). Three winners in the "19-25" category each receive a \$10,000 community grant. For additional information visit: [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org). **Deadline: November 1, 2005.**

**Target Funds All-Around Scholarship Program.** The Target Corporation awards more than six hundred, \$1,000 all-around scholarships each year -- including one \$25,000 scholarship to a high school senior and college student aged 24 or younger. The scholarships recognize volunteer work as well as academic achievement. For complete eligibility information and to download an application form, visit [http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target\\_cg\\_scholarship](http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_scholarship). **Deadline: November 1, 2005.**

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund Sponsors High School Scholarship Program.** The High School Scholarship Program assists students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college degree. It is available to graduating seniors who plan to enroll full-time at a community college or four-year institution during the upcoming academic year. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. For more information, visit: <http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/programs/hs.php>. **Deadline December 15, 2005.**

**The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funds the Gates Millennium Scholars Program.** The Gates Millennium Scholars Program, administered by the United Negro College Fund, provides outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education. Funds are available to students pursuing a graduate education in mathematics, science, engineering, education, or library science. Additional information and applications can be found at: [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). **Deadline January 13, 2006.**

## ***Publications***

**Handbook of Youth Mentoring.** The *Handbook of Youth Mentoring* provides a synthesis of current theory, research, and practice in the field of youth mentoring. It also explores mentoring that occurs within formal programs and natural mentoring relationships that youth establish with adults outside of such programs. For additional information visit: <http://www.sagepub.com/book.aspx?pid=10596>.

## ***Program Resources***

**National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (NCMHJJ) Resource Kit.** NCMHJJ's Resource Kit, *Improving Services for Youth with Mental Health and Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders Involved with the Juvenile Justice System*, is a comprehensive databank of relevant publications and online resources. Sections of the resource kit cover issues such as screening and assessment, treatment, diversion and re-entry. The kit also includes information on adolescent girls within the juvenile justice system and tools for developing cultural competency. The Resource Kit is available at, [http://www.ncmhjj.com/resource\\_kit/Default.htm](http://www.ncmhjj.com/resource_kit/Default.htm).

**ImProve Outcomes Training Toolkit.** This toolkit, developed by the New England Network for Child, Youth and Family Services, is designed to assist non-profit youth-serving agencies design and implement information management systems capable of handling program participant evaluation and assessment needs, ultimately leading to improved case management services. For more information visit: <http://www.nenetwork.org/>.

### **Websites**

**TeenSpace in the Internet Public Library.** TeenSpace in the Internet Public Library is a site filled with articles written especially to help youth solve problems; provides links to web sites youth can use for homework; and a place to ask questions about life, school, friends, and work. To access the site visit: <http://ipl.si.umich.edu/div/teen/>.

### **Calendar of Events**

**October 6-8. Denver, CO.** CompassionWorks: Youth Workers Conference Retreat. For more information contact: (866) 592-5207 or visit: <http://www.youthpartnersnet.org/>.

**October 13-14. Portland, OR.** Youth Change: Breakthrough Strategies to Teach and Counsel Troubled Youth. For more information contact: (800) 545-5736 or visit: <http://www.youthchg.com/>.

**October 15-19. Bloomington, MN.** The Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Association on Programs for Female Offenders' 11<sup>th</sup> National Workshop on Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders: "Clearing the Path for Girls and Women – A Call for Action". For more information visit: <http://www.doc.state.mn.us/ajfo/>.

**October 16-19. Richmond, VA.** The National Partnership for Juvenile Services' 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Conference on Juvenile Services: "Representing America's Youth: Building Partnerships to Prioritize Goals and Maximize Resources". For more information visit: <http://www.npjs.org/>.

**October 19-22. Pasadena, CA.** American Association of Children's Residential Centers. 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. For more information contact (773) 467-3707 or visit: <http://www.aacrc-dc.org/>.

**October 22. Nationwide.** National Make a Difference Day. For additional information, visit: <http://usaweekend.com/diffday/aboutmadd.html#awards>.

**October 24-27. Arlington, VA.** Youth Build Fall Conference. For more information contact (617) 741-1256 or visit: <http://www.youthbuild.org/academy/>.

**October 26-28. Santa Ana, CA.** Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute Train-the-Trainer Seminar. For more information visit: <http://www.pyli.org/seminars.html>.

**October 26-28. Lake of the Ozarks, MO.** Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Fall Education Conference. For more information visit: <http://www.mjja.org/default.asp?c=06&sc=01>.

**November 14-15. Baltimore, MD.** "It's My Life" Conference, sponsored by Casey Family Programs, focuses on a youth-centered framework designed to guide transition services for young people who "age out" of foster care and other substitute care. For additional information visit: <http://www.casey.org/Resources/Projects/ItsMyLife/>.

**November 15. Albany, NY.** New York State Youth Gangs Summit will bring together local and national experts, community members and service providers to explore research on practices of gang prevention and intervention. For more information contact Christine Roberts at (518) 473-8735, or email: [Christine.Roberts@ocfs.ny.us](mailto:Christine.Roberts@ocfs.ny.us).

**November 17-18. Indianapolis, IN.** 2005 Kids Count Conference, sponsored by the Indiana Youth Institute, features workshops led by nationally known instructors and networking opportunities geared for Indiana youth workers. For more information, visit: [http://www.iyi.org/trainings\\_conferences/kidscount.asp](http://www.iyi.org/trainings_conferences/kidscount.asp).

## **NOTICE:**

The Office of Youth Services is interested in hearing about new and innovative approaches which bring employers, educators and workforce systems professionals together to serve our communities' youth. If you would like to share projects or programs in your area please e-mail your information to the Office of Youth Services at [youth.services@dol.gov](mailto:youth.services@dol.gov).

Thank you.

**Youth Resource Connections (YRC).** The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) does not take responsibility for non endorsed DOL/ETA resources included in the YRC.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have comments contact the: Office of Youth Services at (202) 693-3030 or e-mail [youth.services@dol.gov](mailto:youth.services@dol.gov).

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